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Chas. H. Fish
President

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Shellville, Cal., Jan. , 1889

Lucia Hester Fish
[12 year old daughter of Thomas Fletcher Fish]

Dear Papa,

I got your letter last night.

My feet are a great deal better and my cold has gone.

Mrs. Subeck read Mama's [step-mother] letter to me. Has she got that letter from me yet?

It is getting warmer now every day.

Has Azel written to Cousin Cara [her father's brother Edward's daughter] about the book yet?

Azel told me about Romie Fish's wanting the *Companion* but I don't know what to do.

I guess Azel will come Saturday because he didn't say he wouldn't in the last letter.

How is Cousin Bertha? Give my love to them all.

Write often.

Your loving daughter,

Lucia Hester

P.S. Those slates you gave me have taken like magic about every one in the school wants one. I gave a couple to the printers too.

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Shellville, California

January 12, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

I got your letter Thursday. you needn't come up with a club just yet but I wish you would come up with a bottle of ink.

Nico says he sent you the Christmas number and that they made up a big one then so they could have their vacation.

There are some cats here - two great big ones. The dogs haven't bitten me yet. Mr. Sane has not whiped [sic] me or Mrs. Subbeek hasn't sent me to bed without any supper. Miss Georgie hasn't pulled my ears nor Aldebaran has not kicked me. I have not had a chance yet to take a riding lesson.

I only practice half an hour up here.

We were trying to see how many seconds it would take us to run from the tree nearest the house to the gate. I ran in 16 once and 18 once. Your friend Mr. Sane tried and as he got pretty near the gate he fell down but did not hurt himself.

Please give my love to the people with lots for yourself. Please come up soon - if you can't come write as that is the next best thing.

Your affectionate sister,

Lucia Hester

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Shellville, California

January 12, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Papa,

I got your letter Thursday evening, also last night, what puzzles me is that you wrote your letter Tuesday and Azel wrote his Wednesday a [and] they both got here the same day.

They have got a Punch and Judy show here.

Yesterday we tried to see how many seconds it would take us to run to the gate from the tree that is nearest to the house. I ran in 16 seconds once and 18 once most took 20 but one only took 15 seconds.

Mr. Sane tried to do it but when he got almost there he fell flat on his stomach but luckily was not hurt.

Papa, what have you kept that letter Nellie [adopted daughter of her Uncle Charles and Aunt Martha Fish] wrote to me so long, or was it because Nellie didn't know where I was, it was written the 25 of December.

The boys made a noise in the night and so they have to be in school today but Mr. Sane said I needn't go in. They have got all the seats turned facing the other way so as to give a better light.

We had drawing yesterday they have a great deal harder things to draw like leaves and such things but you can rub out and rule.

Please ask mamma to guess how many seconds it took me to run.

Come up and see me some day and bring mamma with you.

Give my love to all the people.

How is mamma.

Your loving daughter,

Lucia Hester Fish

P.S. I could read your letter easily. My shoes havn't [sic] been fixd [sic] yet.

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Shellville, California
Sonoma County

January 16, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

I received your letter last night and the *Youth's Companion* too.

Please don't forget to bring the St. Nicholds and some stamps and a button hook.

Mrs. Subbeck will be glad to see you and I shall be delighted. I think I know who the friend is.

Sunday there wasn't any sermon here at all they only sang and read some prayers and read the Litany like they do in Episcopal churches.

Write to me often.

Please give my love to Papa, Mamma, Uncle Charley and yourself.

Your loving sister,

Lucia Hester

P.S. Nico wants to know if you got the last copy of the Ray.

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Shellville, Sonoma California

January 18, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Papa,-

I got your letter last night one from Theo. [her much older brother] too.

Dr. Sane is up here spends every night here and is in Sonoma in the daytime.

Leslie and Dr. Sane make it pretty lively here they throw books at each other and Dr. Sane takes Leslie's pins he had two on this morning.

Miss Bella said she saw some of the pictures advertised that are in the *Boyhood of Christ* but she thought it was a small book they all think it's lovely.

Write to me soon.

Please give my love to all the folks.

Your loving daughter

Lucia Hester

P.S. My school books came yesterday. They have some queer studies here that I never saw. I asked Mr. Sane how much they were but he didn't know. I have enough money to pay for them I know.

Mrs. Subbeck said school would begin earlier when we got our books but it's nearly half past nine now and the first bell hasn't rung yet. I wish there was more school.

Goodbye,

Lucia

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Shellville Sonoma County

January 18, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

There are two more girls coming up Claire Bowie and Amy Harvey. I don't know her but her mother came up here the day the cars ran off the track and she got off and walked up but she is ten years old and has a doll like May that came from the East.

I wish you would tell me Aunt Mattie's address [Aunt Mattie Berkeley?] and Aunt Mary's too. I havn't [sic] thanked her for my Christmas present and I owe Aunt Mat a letter.

I look too funny for any use. I've got on one of my yellow slippers and one of my shoes.

You owe me a dollar and forty five cents \$1.45 and you'd better bring up more because I'm going to bankrupt you.

Please bring up May's [her doll] chair she needs it now.

My school books are \$3.90.

Please write to me. Give my love to the people.

Your loving sister,

Lucia H.

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Shellville Sonoma Co. Cal.

January 19, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Papa,-

I received your letter last night.

I went up to Sonoma this morning with two other boys One [?] a boy now to have my tooth pulled it was an awfully cold ride up there and we had a horse that wouldn't go. Dr. Sane kept hitting her and she kicked every time.

First he looked at my tooth then a lady came in and he fixed her tooth then he stuck a kind of a needle in both sides of it that made my mouth numb then another lady came in. Finally [sic] he pulled it out it was hard work because it was not at all loose but after awhile my gum hurt so he had to put some medicine in he said I behaved like a book.

The other two boys had their teeth filled. I'm glad I don't have to have any of mine filled.

Sundays they have a kind of picnic dinner they put all the food on plates and you can eat where you please.

Your loving daughter

Lucia Hester Fish

P.S. Dr. Sane kept calling me Hester.

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Shellville, Sonoma Co., Cal.

January 22, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

I received your letter last night. I can read your letters all right.

I wish I could go with you to hear Mr. Moody but I should think you would get tired of hearing him every day. ✓

We have more school now and I like it better we have to study an hour just before we go to bed in the school room.

It rained a little yesterday.

You must not change your mind and not come Saturday because Papa came here Sunday.

There is not any Sunday School here.

Will you please bring me a spool of stout black thread to sew buttons on with

There goes the bell and I must close.

Please give my love to everybody

Your aff.[ectionate] sister

Lucia Hester

P.S. I like to write letters better than I used to.

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Shellville, Cal., Jan. 23, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish
[12 year old daughter of Thomas Fletcher Fish]

Dear Azel,

I got your letter this morning they didn't go down until after study hour.

Thank you ever so much for telling me about Romie. I have not got a list but I can borrow one I guess. Do you just have to send the name or what do you do I have never sent any names before? Is Mrs. Fish in a hurry?

I should think you was busy Sunday don't you get tired hearing the same man preach all the while.

School is fine I like it better now there is more.

I like my music too. I have to practice forty five minutes now.

Everything is as usual. Come up Saturday. Give my love to the people and you must write to me because I've filled the letter with questions.

Your loving sister

Lucia Hester

P.S. I have not got my St. Nicholas yet.

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Shellville, California

February 4, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

I got your letter Saturday.

Reddie is Dr. Fred Sane he was always singing that song so the boys wanted to teasc him a little if you are sorry he has gone I guess Sister isn't.

Saturday morning I went to Sonoma to see some little girls. Some day we arc going to have a grand dinner party for our babies.

I wish I could have seen Fletcher when he went to the Bella Vista. I had a lctter from Carrie last night.

We celebrated Miss Georgie's and Fred DuBrutz's birthday Thursday.

Come up soon.

Your loving sister,

Lucia Hester

P.S. They all make fun of my laugh. I had a long walk to the farthest station yesterday.

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Shellville, California

February 6, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

I got your letter last night.

I went to Sonoma yesterday and it took us about two hours to get all the things it was lots of fun because John Sleiden was there and he makes the horse go. I go to Sonoma often now.

I had just as soon you would write in red ink as black.

Miss Georgie has been sick.

I can wait for the dress just as well as not.

I hope now that Mr. Moody has gone you and Papa will come up and see me.

Is Uncle Azel going to Santa Barbara with Aunt Lute.

I should think Mr. Moody would get scared preaching to so many people.

I am going to write a composition about my summer vacation for a week from Friday.

Has Romie got his paper yet.

Give my love to all and don't forget Fletcher.

Your loving sister,

Lucia Hester

P.S. Have you written to Cousin Cara about my school books yet.

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Shellville, California

February 12, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Azel,-

Thank you ever so much for this paper. I like it a great deal better than just one color. If you sent me the other things why I'll thank you if not Papa.

There are no pretty Valentines here so I wish you would get Papa one and I'll pay you the first time I see you.

I pulled out a tooth last night but another one is coming and it did not have any root.

My watch keeps splendid time and looks just as pretty as can be with my new dress.

I practice skipping stones nearly every day.

The new girl is coming Friday. I wonder what she is like, you must come up Saturday to see her.

The humble meek boy went to Sonoma yesterday and was bad so he had to go to bed right after supper.

Give my love to all and be sure and get a pretty Valentine.

Your loving sister,

Lucia Hester

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Shellville, California

February 20, 1889

Lucia Hester Fish

Dear Papa,-

Thank you ever so much for the cloth it is very pretty and will make some lovely dresses for the dolls. The lace is lovely.

Amy and I were in the printing office yesterday and I knocked over some type and hindered them a good deal so I am going to take the Ray for a month.

My new book is very nice. Amy is reading Five Little Peppers and likes it very much.

The garden is all ready for the seeds, you had better send them with the tools Azel is going to get.

Amy and I have got some lovely seats up in the buck-eye tree where we can get down easily it's a nice tree to climb.

May I take French lessons next month?

We shall come nearly every day for the ducks and chickens and the chinaman gives us something to eat.

Amy is way below me in her studies she isn't in my class in anything [Amy is younger].

We have a kind of S.S. in the afternoon now and Harold Amy and I learn three or four verses to say, we all have the same ones.

I didn't speak my piece last Friday but now I have to this Thursday and next Friday too.

Give my love to all and write often.

Your loving daughter,

Lucia Hester

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
53 Fifth Avenue

New York.....September 4, 1889

F.F. Ellinwood

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

I send this letter to Korea, supposing that you will strike that point next. I have today been down to Mr. Underwood's [John T. Underwood, founder of the Underwood Typewriter Co.] to introduce to him Mr. Moffett, whom we all like and whom he likes, and whom we have agreed to recommend that the Board shall assign to Korea at our meeting on Monday next. Mr. Underwood is deeply interested in the work and lately gave his brother \$500 with which to print a dictionary which he has prepared. You will have met Mr. Underwood [Horace Grant Underwood] in Japan, where he is engaged in the printing of two or three things which he has prepared for the press. We cabled him the sanction of the Board for an outlay of \$500 on his manual and grammar. Mr. Moffett will not reach Korea before you will have left. You will undoubtedly confine your visit to Chemulpo [modern Inchon] and Seoul. There are some things which I would be glad if you would ascertain while you are there. First, after thorough canvassing of the subject among the missionaries, would you recommend us to send Gilmore back? He came home because the Korean Government would not give him \$3600. They offered him \$2700. He has been disappointed here, and the missionaries in Korea have been anxious to have him sent out to them. He has written me asking whether the Board was ready to make a proposal to him to go, with a view of entering into educational work in connection with our school. We have not seen our way clear to ask him to go, for in the first place he has not applied, but has only sent us a feeler. In the second place, he would go with a restricted purpose to teach merely, and that we hardly desire. In the third place, the school is shut up by the failure to get a government permit. In the fourth place, he does not seem to us to be moved by a genuine missionary spirit. We want men who make no qualifications or reserves, and whose great aim is the conversion of men. Moffett seems to us all right. Since he came here I have gone over all the testimonials and verified them by personal contact. He goes single.

Another thing which I wish you would look into is that question of special allowance for freights. It was \$200 for each family, and we struck it out for the reason that the ground on which the Korean missionaries were allowed a year ago an increase over the Japanese salaries was that there was increased expense owing to the heavy freights. We raised the salaries from the Japanese standard of \$1250 to \$1400 and that with \$200 additional for freights seemed to us excessive. All freights, therefore, were swept away. Now, if there is any good reason why they should be restored we would be very glad to know it.

We are impressed with the fact that we have now a good corp of missionaries in Korea. I only hope that Mrs. Underwood's health will hold out.

I wish, also, that you would look pretty closely into the question, as you will see Mr. Dinsmore and other outsiders, whether there has been excessive haste in pushing forward the work. Is Underwood right in his energy and aggressiveness, or are the fears of Heron, Dinsmore and others well founded? How I wish I could spend a week in Seoul myself, in order to get at

some of these subtle and difficult matters, and be able to form an unprejudiced judgment. I hope you will write your impressions and send them in advance of your coming back.

Somebody has sent me your good answer to Lieutenant Wood's article, and we have received abundant evidences that you made a good impression and a deep one in your addresses on the Pacific Coast. Possibly on your Pacific voyage you will have had time to write something more in regard to the complaints about our salaries in California. I have a long letter from Roberts in which he seems to grow worse and worse in his criticism of the Mission. It is a difficult subject. I do not feel that our missionaries have too much, but I am struck by the fact that the home missionaries receive only about half the amount. To be sure, they are not equal to our men, but the Home Missionary people would scarcely acknowledge that.

[Several paragraphs omitted here – not relevant]

Lieutenant Wood strutting up and down his deck is knocking the cause of missions like ten pins. I have gone for him on this coast as you have gone for him on the Pacific. Suppose when you get out to China you get the missionaries of different names to write a short and sharp refutation packed with facts put in as compactly as the blades and gimlets and toothpicks of a Yankee knife (it would do no harm if it had the backing of some laymen who really know the work out there) and let it be published broadcast. We are a set of miserable flunks if, with all the thousands and hundreds of thousands of our Christian people, we allow an ignoramus in buttons to lie about us all the way from the earth to the zenith, filling what the Buddhists call the "ten quarters" including the nadir. It stirs my blood to think of it.

Well, this is gas for the last page or two. Mais pardonne. You will have grave matters enough to think about.

My family if here would all join with me in love to yourself and Mrs. Mitchell, and give, as our baby Lou says, "heaps of love to the missionaries".

Affectionately yours,

F.F. Ellinwood

Seoul, Korea

November 8, 1889

Daniel L. Gifford

Dear Dr. Ellinwood,

I have not written you since we had our final reckoning with Dr. Power & with feelings not unmixed with gladness we saw him retire to private life in some other land than Korea. Since then Dr. & Mrs. Mitchell [New York Board Secretary] have paid us that long expected Secretarial visit and have now passed on their way to other fields and other brethren. They were here about two weeks.

Rev. Mr. Loomis, Agent of the American Bible Society in Yokohama, also was with us during a part of their visit. Both the Doctor and Mr. Loomis, with their years of experience in Mission work, were very helpful to us in giving valuable counsels with regard to the conduct of our work. The chief things Dr. recommended to us were Union with the Australian Presbyterian Missionaries who have recently come here, Mr. and Miss Davies of Melbourne; and he and Mr. Loomis drew up a plan for a Union Council, similar to that which has long been in vogue among the Presbyterian Missions in Japan. Another thing was, that he did not think the work should be so split up into departments, the Medical Department by itself, the baptizing in the hands of one missionary, etc. and recommends that as far as possible our business be transacted by the Mission as a Mission rather than by individuals.

One plan was brought up while the Dr. was here that seemed like a very good one, but since it has been discussed with reference to adoption, difficulties have arisen which seem insuperable. The plan is this. Mrs. Underwood feels that with the pressure of her domestic duties and the impossibility of doing Christian work in an institution under Government patronage, that it is best for her to give up her work in the Government Hospital. The Korean house which Dr. Power occupied is now empty and being down in the corner of Mr. Underwood's compound, it seemed like a very suitable and convenient place for Mrs. Underwood to open a dispensary for women. But come to consider the matter, we found that we set in motion a very earnest minded hornet's nest, in the Methodist Mission Compound across the way. Rev. Mr. Appenzeller, Rev. Mr. [George Heber] Jones, and Dr. Scranton, expressed themselves in the very strongest terms and Mrs. M.F. Scranton the Superintendent of the Christian and Medical Work among women over there, sent a written protest to Mrs. Underwood. One or two letters followed between the two ladies which do not seem to have altered the position of Mrs. Scranton in the least. Her way of putting it is something like this: To establish a dispensary in the Power house will be to bring two women's dispensaries, situated directly across the road from each other, into direct rivalry. [We feel, however, that] the work in the M.E. Women's dispensary is at present conducted under great difficulties. Their lady doctor has returned to America with broken health. Dr. Scranton (Mrs. Scranton's son) now treats the women who come and he has some difficulty to hold the practice. If a lady physician now were to open a dispensary directly across the road from him, or even in some other building in the same compound their work would be ruined because from Korean prejudice the women would flock to the lady doctor. And Mrs. Scranton says that if we were to wait until another lady physician comes out, the case would be but little altered, for then the two ladies would be thrown into competition, one of whom would have the advantage over the other of experience in the

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work here and a considerable knowledge of the language, and that therefore their work would be greatly cut into by the planting of a new rival hospital so near to them. She further urges that the greater the distribution of medical work in the city the greater will be the good accomplished, for the presumption is that the patients treated will be largely those coming from the neighborhood of the hospital; and if there be any question of moral right as to the priority of claim for the location, she says that their women's dispensary ought to have it. The dispensary has been established for more than two years; and it is located in a building which is unsuited for any other purpose, and is regularly fitted out for a hospital; and they have considerable money invested in drugs and surgical appliances, together with the regular practice among the women that they have succeeded in drawing to it. She feels a great responsibility in the matter because in their church the Women' Board is entirely separate from the General Board and the control of all the Christian and medical work of their church among the Korean women has been put into her hands.

If our Mission and Board see fit to open the dispensary in that location under the existing circumstances, she says she can of course do nothing to prevent it; she can only protest against the measure as an act of marked discourtesy to their Mission. In view of these facts I have reluctantly come to the same conclusion as Dr. Heron, that as long as our Methodist friends feel as they do about the matter, that in the interests of comity between the Missions it will be unadvisable to open the dispensary either in the Power house or upon the Mission compound. I have stated the facts in the case to you as nearly correctly as I understand them. Dr. Heron is also writing to you about the matter for this same mail. We have not yet gotten permission to open the boys' school. Judge Denny recently asked the President of the Foreign Office why they did not give us the permission. He replied that they feared it would be turned into a school for teaching Christianity, inasmuch as Mr. Underwood had a school up in his compound for the teaching of Christianity. That was the reason they would not give the permission.

I am glad the Board has decided to send out Mr. Moffett. I know him well and consider that he will make a most valuable addition to our force in Korea.

Yours respectfully,

Daniel L. Gifford

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FAREWELL TESTIMONIAL

Any one present at the meeting last night at the First Presbyterian Church, looking over the large and intelligent audience gathered to express their respect and sympathy for our brother, Rev. S.A. Moffett, born and raised among us, could but have been impressed with the conviction that in this instance, at least, there was a marked exception to the general fact, that "a man is not without honor save in his own country and among his own kindred."

Rarely have we witnessed a more spontaneous and hearty expression of respect, affection, regret and sympathy than was manifested both by the presence of the audience and the words of the speakers last evening, and it must have done much to assuage the grief which the recipient and his more intimate friends must naturally feel at the long separation awaiting them. It was also a splendid endorsement by his fellow countrymen, that in deciding to leave home, friends and country, that he might, in obedience to the parting command of the Saviour, carry the Gospel to every creature – go to one of the most difficult fields, and make it his life-work to take the "good news" – our young brother had acted wisely and well.

Another interesting feature of the service was that the opening prayer was offered by our young brother John Palmer, who, it is intimated, may follow ere long in the same path of honor and usefulness.

Very appropriate Scripture lessons were read by Rev. J.L. Aten, in his usual impressive manner, and Dr. Barnard offered an earnest prayer.

Mr. Moffett was then introduced as the preacher of the occasion, which duty he performed most acceptably. He remarked, by way of introduction, that he had been often asked the question why he had decided to leave the home field, where laborers were so much needed and go to the far off heathen world? To answer that oft repeated question would be the substance of what he should say on this occasion, and his main answer would be found in trying to yield obedience to the command of Christ as he left the world: "Go ye into all the world," & etc., and upon these words he would present the claims and encouragements to carry the Gospel to the heathen. The first was Christ's command to do this work; and second the debt we owe to foreign missions. For it is to the efforts of foreign missionaries that England, Germany, Scotland, and in fact the whole civilized world, is indebted for its present Christian civilization, for until the missionaries carried the light of the Gospel among them they were all in the darkness of heathenism. Then the condition of the heathen appealed to our sympathy and zeal to give them this great balm which Christ brought down from Heaven for the healing of the nations. These and similar ones, the speaker said, were what had decided him to go to this heathen field to do his Master's work. The words were well spoken in a calm dignified manner, and will be long remembered by many who listened and who thought that peradventure they were "last words." If so, they will prove a precious legacy to many a heart. Within the reasonable limits allowed, it is impossible to report what was said by the speakers who followed, though there was not a word spoken which was not worth printing, but space is limited and we can but briefly mention the speakers.

Mr. M.C. Garber spoke of the happy influence which the increased activity among the young people of the First Church had had among those in the Second Church, and which had culminated in our Brother Moffett giving himself to the grand and noble work in which he was to engage.

Rev. Mr. Aten expressed in earnest, eloquent words his hearty sympathy with the occasion, and pledged the hearty sympathy and prayers of himself and church to follow the Brother in his grand mission.

Dr. Fisher expressed the great gratification it gave him that another was to be added to the long list of Hanover College representatives in the foreign mission field.

Dr. Barnard said he gladly accepted the proffered half interest in Brother Moffett tendered by Dr. Brown, and pledged him a warm place in the hearts and prayers of the 2nd Church people.

Dr. Graham followed in a similar train of thought, and the closing address was made by Dr. Brown, who, with evident emotion, spoke of the great satisfaction it gave him that his church was to have so able a representative in far distant Korea. In words admirably chosen he spoke the parting words, and giving Mr. Moffett his hand pledged him their united prayers, love and sympathy. The choir rendered appropriate and pleasing music.

No meeting of similar interest has ever, we believe, been held in our city.

Seoul, Korea

December 30, 1889

John W. Heron

My dear Dr. Ellinwood:

Your long and full letter of November 8th reached here on Christmas eve. I have read it very carefully a number of times before attempting to answer. I am almost afraid to answer at all since all my letters seem to bear a meaning which I have never intended they should. Something must be wrong with my manner of writing since all my last letters to you seem to have been much misunderstood. I do hope I shall succeed in making this one plainer.

No one can regret more than I do the fact that there is a division in the views of the members of the mission here. We cannot expect to think just alike yet that two such opposite views should be held and so strongly defended as to cause a separation between fellow workers is most deplorable. I do not feel myself so much to blame for this, for I have been so very careful not to let the difference of opinion in mission policy extend into our personal relations.

I do not quite understand what you mean when you refer to the Editress of *Woman's Work [for Woman]*. It is now about two years since my wife wrote anything for that paper and all that has appeared recently has been obtained from our home letters by direct solicitation of the editress.

With regard to the commissioning of Mrs. Gibson [Mrs. Heron's mother] I do not wish her to be commissioned by the Board at all. I have given up any hope of her coming here to Korea and should never mention it again but that Dr. Mitchell spoke of employing her as a teacher at the orphanage. I did not realize that the Board had such strict rules against sending out missionaries over thirty, since three of the single ladies commissioned to Korea have been over thirty, two of them being over thirty-five years of age on their arrival here.

Certainly our history has been a most unfortunate one. Yet I cannot think we are altogether responsible for it. Some mistakes have been made here and some, I am very sorry to say, by those who have had much more experience than we have had. Both Mrs. Heron and myself feel deeply pained that anything from us should give rise to any criticisms on missionary work. We do regret having given the enemies of our work any handle by which to take hold of in their opposition to the spread of Christ's Kingdom on earth. It was simply intended as a plain statement of the fact that we were not doing any public work at that time and I trust you understood why we were not doing any public work then. The letters which I am sorry to see from your letter you attributed to personal feeling against Mr. Underwood, were written to you for the purpose of letting you know exactly how things on the field here stood. I regret very much if there were any harsh expressions used towards Mr. Underwood in them and trust that if you read them to the Board you will also read this part of my letter, at least.

It is very true that Mr. Underwood's views of work are very different from mine. He began with the same, you remember, but when he began to go ahead so fast I kept still, thinking that prudence and caution were indicated. My views of work expressed briefly are: do all the work one can possibly do, but do it quietly with one's visitors, patients and friends, seize and

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improve every opportunity to teach Jesus Christ to this people, have Bible classes, women's meetings, push school work and medical work. Gain in every possible way the confidence of this people, devote much time to the translation of God's Word, hasten the preparation of Christian literature. To me, the teaching of singing and the translation of hymns seems at this juncture a sad waste of precious time. [I believe in] the training of a native ministry, not for a few days, but patient long continued instruction in the Bible and its use. I do not believe in the hurried baptism of men and women simply because they ask it. Let us teach them for weeks or for months or even years before admitting them to Christ's Church. Better a dozen earnest working Christians than hundreds of adherents, I cannot always call them Christians who come to be baptized for gain and do nothing to advance Christ's Kingdom on earth. These are my views and they are also the views of every other missionary in Korea, save Mr. and Mrs. Underwood.

I have "cultivated the spirit of practical forbearance" since I have not interfered with Mr. Underwood in his work at all. I have several times spoken to him of some of his plans which I thought unwise. He resented it and I decided to let him alone.

I realize all you say with regard to going on with the work. Such has been my view always and I might have quoted the fifth page of your letter as my own view. I am ready to sacrifice myself in every way to the work. My only prayer is that we may be taught how to work so as not to hinder the work by our blundering. As you say: "be so wise and judicious as not to make shipwreck of our very purposes."

I am sorry that I should have said anything in my letter which seemed to you to reflect on Mr. Gifford concerning the school building. What I intended to have said was that he was expected to see after the finishing and the repairing of the building after its neglect last winter, which has not been done, but as he was not in Seoul during the summer that work had fallen on me and my statement as to its condition was made to you so that you might understand how it had become necessary to expend so much more money on it after it was reported finished.

We shall welcome Miss Doty most heartily. What we hear of her from Miss Hayden makes us feel that she will be a great help and a real comfort in our work, as I intimated in my last letter. We shall soon have another wedding in the mission [Mary Hayden and Daniel Gifford] I suppose, next spring. Young ladies are above par in this community and I suppose that if Miss Doty and Mr. Moffett come on the same boat they will be engaged on their arrival. We heartily congratulate Mr. Gifford on his engagement. I feel sure that it will be a match helpful to both of them, making for both a fuller, more sweet and happy life. Mr. Gifford is an excellent man, earnest, faithful and conscientious; not hasty, rather deliberate in making up his mind, but governed by reason and right feeling, while Miss Hayden is a quiet lady, full of an earnest desire for work and full of zeal for souls. We learned to like her very much during the time she spent with us last summer at Chemulpo and find her constantly growing in our estimation.

I find, on examining into the matter and reading over the paragraph [above] to Mr. Gifford, that what he was asked to do [at the school] was to have the benches made and the front steps, but as he had no experience in that work at all, he asked me to see after it and on looking

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into the building I found the state of things described in my last summer's letter with which he, Mr. Gifford, had never had anything to do. As I said, I do not want to be a stumbling block in the way here. My work is important, not because of the worker, but because of the nature of the work. The Board cannot allow it to drop without injuring our work here. What do you think of sending Dr. Allen back here and of my going to Fusan?

I have three proposals to make to you - First, to let us go to Fusan. Do not think for an instant I want to leave the work here, but I do not want to be a hindrance to Mr. Underwood and I am sure he would be glad to have me away from Seoul where he need not have to work with me.

Second, to allow me to resign my connection with the Board altogether and become an independent missionary. This would render it necessary to send a new man here, of course. I would do all in my power to help him and if the Government so desired, turn over to him the Government Hospital and all the foreign practice he could get - or I would do the practice of the Presbyterian Mission when now and then more [?] need be seen financially. I am sure I should succeed, though I would of course prefer to be under our own Board.

Thirdly, allow me to return home for a year and see what that space of time would bring forth. I need the change and the rest very much. Nearly five years of continuous hard work has left me very worn and tired. Besides, the mental and spiritual trials have been almost more than I could endure. We are the only ones here so long in either mission without any rest. All the others have been either to China or Japan once and some of them twice. I shall soon have to return, at any rate, for both my wife and I have lost many of our teeth in the last year. There are no dentists here, so they soon go.

Under the circumstances I shall, of course, say nothing about either house or dispensary for the present. The [facilities ?] I have will probably be satisfactory the rest of my time here and my successor can decide for himself.

Hoping you will understand that there is no arraignment of any [sort] in this letter but that it is only intended to correct a misjudgment of myself

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Yours very sincerely,

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